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1. LAOS APPEARS TO BE HESITATING ON EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO MPLA REGIME IN ANGOLA. THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER "SIENG PASASON" CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY ON NOVEMBER 12 WHICH CONTAINED A DESCRIPTION OF ANGOLA AND SOME QUESTIONABLE ANGOLAN HISTORY AND WELCOMED ITS INDEPENDENCE. THE ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE "LIBERATION FORCES" WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE FACTIONS BUT ATTEMPTED NO ANALYSIS OF THEM.

2. ON NOVEMBER 15 "SIENG PASASON" PUBLISHED ANOTHER ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT. THIS ONE SAID THAT THE COUNTRY HAD TWO GOVERNMENTS. ONE, THE "PEOPLE'S LIBERATION GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA" CONTROLLED LUANDA AND WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE SOVIET UNION, KENYA, CUBA, EAST GERMANY AND MOZAMBIQUE. THE OTHER, ESTABLISHED BY THE "INDEPENDENCE FRONT AND FEDERATION" WAS ATTACKING LUANDA. THOUGH THE TONE OF THE ARTICLE SEEMED TO FAVOR THE

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LUANDA GOVERNMENT, "SIENG PASASON" MADE NO MENTION OF

THE LAO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION'S
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